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Premier Ford:

We'd like our city back. The protesters invaded our city last Friday and made their point. It's now time to move on. The Ottawa Police Services (OPS), with help from other Ontario jurisdictions, were able to contain the protesters so that no physical violence would happen. The protest organizers said they are not leaving until their demands are met. This is not sustainable.

Many residents and workers have been threatened either physically or emotionally over the last 3 days. The centre of the city is no longer functioning. Trucks and cars are clogging major and minor streets and roads. The buses for public transit are either delayed or can't move. Residents can't sleep due to honking horns and loud music from the protesters at all times of the day and night. Businesses have had to close, ironically, on the very weekend as we start to re-open as the province reduces public health restrictions. Our police chief has asked residents of the city to not come downtown and to work from home. Mr. Premier, not everyone can work from home. There are shop owners and shop workers who have to come to the centre of the city to earn a living. Due to thugs entering places of businesses on Saturday without masks and flouting laws, many businesses closed early. Many didn't open yesterday, Sunday, due to the potential for confrontations with these protesters. Many won't open again today. Those workers will lose wages! Not to mention the elementary school that is closed to in person learning today.

Unfortunately, we have some federal and provincial politicians supporting these activities. Would these people feel the same way if counter protests were happening in their neighbourhoods: Honking horns and playing music well into the night? I think not. They should be ashamed of their behaviour.

If the OPS hasn't got the resources to bring this under control and move these people out of our city, then it's time for the province to request assistance from the federal government through the Emergency Measures Act. Enough is enough!

Mr. Premier, please consult with the city and federal government, and let's bring some normalcy back to our city.

Respectfully,

